

REMARKSI. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2006, claims 2, 3, 4, and 14 have been cancelled, claims 1, 5, 7, 15, and 19 have been amended, and new claims 23-26 have been added. Claims 1, 5-13, 15-26 are in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 6, the Office Action indicates that the subject matter of claims 4-13, 15-18, 21 and 22 would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants have amended the claims to accept the patentable subject matter of claim 4 and added new claims 23-26 to accept the patentable subject matter of claim 15. Claim 19 has also been amended to recite the patentable subject matter described in claim 1.

III. Non-Art Claim Rejections

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. The Office Action asks what the meaning of "random function" is. The Applicant has canceled claim 14 without prejudice in consideration of continuing applications.

IV. Claim Amendments

Applicant's attorney has made amendments to the claims as indicated above. These amendments were made solely for the purpose of clarifying the language of the claims, and to accept subject matter identified as patentable, and in consideration of filing continuing applications to claim additional subject matter.

V. New Claims

New claims 23-26 are presented for the first time in this Amendment. For the reasons described above, new claims 23-26 are patentable over the prior art of record, and the Applicants respectfully request the allowance of these claims as well.

VI. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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